

REMARKS

The claims have been amended to more clearly define the invention as disclosed in the written description. In particular, claims 1-3, 10, 13 and 15 have been cancelled, claims 5 and 6 have been made dependent on claim 4, claim 7 has been amended to include the limitations of claim 13, claim 14 has been amended to include the limitations of claim 9, claim 9 has been amended to include the limitations of claim 10, claim 11 has been amended to include the limitations of claim 15, and claim 12 has been amended to include the limitations of claim 1.

Applicants believe that the above changes answer the Examiner 37 C.F.R. 1.75 objection to claim 3, and 35 U.S.C. 112, paragraph 1, rejection of claim 2, and respectfully request withdrawal thereof.

The Examiner has rejected claims 1, 3, 5-9 and 11 under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent 6,963,529 to Kobayashi et al. Applicants acknowledge that the Examiner has allowed claim 4 and has found claims 10 and 12-15 allowable over the prior art of record.

In view of the above changes, Applicants believe that the Examiner's 35 U.S.C. 102(e) rejection has been overcome.

Applicants believe that this application, containing claims 4-9, 11, 12 and 14, is now in condition for allowance and such action is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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